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Our Mission Statement: The All Saints Catholic Community is a fully integrated, multicultural community with English as its unifying language. It is an open, warm, welcoming, inclusive community that prays together and celebrates its unity in diversity.

**December 22, 2013 Fourth Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 7:10-14 • Psalm 24:1-6 • Romans 1:1-7 • Matthew 1:18-24**

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Wolfgang Felber SJ

Lector: Ruby Schmidt • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Renée and Celso Menjares •

Altar Servers: Joshua Wunder, Caroline Rosenberg and Conrad Chisolm •

Hospitality: Rose Oruga • The designated collection is for All Saints.

Which Way to a Better World? by Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke M.Afr.

With rare exception throughout history the law of the jungle prevails; the weaker is dominated by the stronger power such as Tibet by China, Ukraine by Russia and the developing by the industrialized countries. Ancient Israel was a small, poor country crushed between surrounding superpowers of Egypt and a succession of empires to the East including the Romans. Rarely were they truly free yet throughout their history they kept an unshakeable hope of freedom under a just king, the Messiah.

When John the Baptist announced that the Messiah was among them, expectations ran high. Soon they would be rid of the brutal Roman army and their despotic king and would live in a just and peaceful world.

This message got John the Baptist quickly into prison but when Jesus started his messianic ministry, nothing of what John had announced happened. There was no recruitment of a guerrilla army, no revolt against local kings nor a revolution against landlords. So John and others were deeply disappointed by Jesus who had chosen a different road to change the world into God's kingdom. He invited people, not to fight against oppressors, but to start a new community where all would share their resources, where people would care for the sick and handicapped; where authority would not mean domination but service. A world of freedom and justice would not fall from heaven, but would be built by us with God's help.

Are we not often disappointed by God? We all long for a just and peaceful world but God does not intervene. He invites us to contribute for a better world, maybe by changing our consumer habits, by sharing with others and by challenging politicians to put the common good above personal interests.

Africa's great hero, Nelson Mandela, is an encouraging example. Faced with the most unjust system of apartheid, he had a vision of a free South Africa, where people of all races could live in peace and dignity. He fought and suffered for his ideal and changed the world for the better. What is my contribution to a more just and peaceful world?

**Congratulations to our Holy Father Pope Francis
on being selected "Person of the Year" by TIME
magazine**



Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year 2014!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on December 15th: 86

Collection: Friends €248.45

If you are **visiting All Saints for the first time**, please introduce yourself at the end of Mass so we can welcome you. Please join us for coffee and cake after Mass in the Community Hall!

Thanks to all for making the Ecumenical Christmas Concert a big success!

Mark your Calendars

- **Rehearsal** for the Children's Mass & Christmas Pageant is on December 23rd from 2 pm to 4 pm.
- **Children's Mass & Christmas Pageant** is on December 24th at 3 pm. All participants need to come at 2 pm. The **Midnight Mass** at 10 pm will be preceded by Carol singing at 9:30 pm.
- **Christmas Carol Singing in the Senior Citizens Residence** in Steglitz today. Practicing will start at 3:30 pm, Carol Singing at 4:00 pm. Direction: Seniorenresidenz Domicil, Altmarkstr. 27, 12169 Berlin-Steglitz, phone: 8101010 S-Bahn: Feuerbachstr. or Priesterweg. Bus: 170, the Altmarkstr. stop is right in front of the Residence.

Children's Mass on Dec 24, at 3 pm.: The Celebrant will be Fr. Wolfgang Felber SJ

Altar Servers: Aidan Brinda , Isabella Gneist, Sebastian Rosenberg and Dylan Schmidt (two cross bearers)
Ushers: Philip Rückeis and Niels Waliszewski • The designated collection is for All Saints.

Midnight Mass on Dec 24, at 10 pm.: The Celebrant will be Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke M.Afr.

Lector: Matthias Waliszewski • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Beate Hausmann •
Altar Servers: Hanna Mei Doeringer, Aidan Doeringer, Tait Doeringer and Conrad Chisolm
(two cross bearers) • The designated collection is for Adveniat.

Sunday, December 29th, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr. Jun de Ocampo SVD

Lector: Anna Berger • Eucharistic Ministers: Levina Menjares, Heide Doblhofer, Beate Hausmann •
Altar Servers: Erik Walton, Gwendolyn Walton and Joshua Wunder •
The designated collection on December 29th is for All Saints.

Please continue to donate to All Saints by using the **white envelopes** stamped **ALL SAINTS FUND** and/or transferring your donation to the Pax-Bank account printed below. We are completely **dependent** upon your donations. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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Our celebrants: Jesuits and White Fathers

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Boy Scout Troop 46: All Saints is the proud Chartered Organization for Boy Scout Troop 46 "Freedom Outpost." *True to Scouting Values for Over 55 years* (www.troop46berlin.ScoutLander.com)

Directions to All Saints:

- **Subway:** U 3, Oskar-Helene-Heim (10-min. walk) or S 1, Zehlendorf, then bus.
- **Bus:** Bus 285: stop Am Waldfriedhof (last stop, 2-min. walk); bus 110 or 623: stop Oskar-Helene-Heim (10-min. walk) or bus 115: stop Hüttenweg (5-min. walk).
- **Car:** A115 Avus highway, Hüttenweg exit or Clayallee (<http://berlinonline.de/citymap>)

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